

**MINUTES**  
**WASCO CITY COUNCIL**  
and Successor Agency to the  
Former Redevelopment Agency  
**Tuesday, October 17, 2023**  
Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.  
**City Council Chambers**  
**746 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Wasco, CA 93280**

**REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 pm**

- 1) CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Martinez  
Mayor Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
  
- 2) ROLL CALL:** Mayor Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Council Members: Medina, Reyna, Saldaña  
**PRESENT: All**  
  
**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Hurlbert, City Attorney Schroeter, Assistant City Manager Lara, City Clerk Maria O. Martinez, Deputy City Clerk Flores, Deputy City Clerk Tinajero, Public Works Director Villa, Community Development Director Cobb, Police Chief Fivecoat, Fire Chief Appleton, Kern County Sheriff Sergeant Stout
  
- 3) FLAG SALUTE:** led by Mayor
  
- 4) INVOCATION:** by Mike Lynch
  
- 5) PRESENTATIONS:**
  - a.** Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month presented to Lideres Campesinas del Comité de Kern Norte.  
Mayor Martinez presented the proclamation to Lideres de Campesinas group.  
Assemblymember Dr. Jasmeet Bains presented the group with a proclamation.
  
- 6) PUBLIC COMMENTS:**  
Deputy City Clerk Tinajero reported there were no email comments for this item or any other item on this agenda
  
- 7) SUCCESSOR AGENCY BUSINESS: None**
  
- 8) WASCO PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY BUSINESS: None**
  
- 9) NEW EMPLOYEE POLICE DEPARTMENT BADGE PINNING CEREMONY FOR:**
  - 1.** Alecio Mora, Police Lieutenant
  - 2.** Lionel Lopez, Police Sergeant
  - 3.** Maira Puente, Police Sergeant
  - 4.** Erika Morris, Senior Dispatcher

Police Chief Fivecoat presented the police department officers and Erika Morris, Senior Dispatcher, for the badge pinning ceremony.

City Clerk Martinez administered the oath of office to the new employee police department officers and Erika Morris, Senior Dispatcher.

Assemblymember Dr. Jasmeet Bains and Field Representative Janet Tapia for Senator Melissa Hurtado's office presented certificates of recognition to the new police officers.

**CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**10) CONSENT CALENDAR:**

The Consent Calendar consists of items that, in the staff's opinion, are routine and non-controversial. These items are approved in one motion unless a Council Member or member of the public requests the removal of a particular item.

- a. Receive and File department payments totaling \$27,663.54
- b. Approval of City Council Minutes for October 3, 2023, Regular Meeting.
- c. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of FY 2022-23 CalRecycle SB1383 Local Assistance Grant Program Application for Funding and Authorize the City Manager or Designee to Execute the Grant Agreement and any Amendments Thereto, and Find that the subject activity is not a project within the meaning of CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and is not subject to review under CEQA.

**Reso#2023-3979**

- d. Adopt a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager or Designee to finalize and execute a contract amendment with Infrastructure Engineers, Inc., a Bowman Company, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for completion of the City's 2024-2032 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element upon satisfaction of the City Attorney and the requirements and contingencies identified herein, and Find that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3); not subject for review under CEQA.

**Reso#2023-3980**

**Agmt#2022-047(1)**

- e. Adopt a Resolution withdrawing Integrated Demolition & Remediation Inc. bid proposal from consideration for the Labor Camp Abatement Project, and Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c) (3), no environmental review is required.

**Reso#2023-3981**

- f. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or designee to Endorse and enter into an Agreement with CVE Contracting Group, Inc., dba Central Valley Environmental for the Labor Camp Abatement Project in the amount of \$2,597,000 and allowing the City Manager to execute Contract Change Orders in an amount not to exceed an aggregate of \$50,000, and Find that this Project is classified as categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 21080 (b)(4); 15269(b)(c).

**Reso#2023-3982**

**Agmt#2023-049**

- g. Approval of Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 for Sergeant Maira Puente to attend the POST Field Training Officer course from October 23-27, 2023, in Fresno, California, and Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c) (3), no environmental review is required.
- h. Approval of Travel Expenses Exceeding \$500.00 per participant for the Community Development Director and Council Members Vincent Martinez, Alex Garcia, Valentin Medina, Gilberto Reyna, and Eduardo Saldaña to attend the Innovating Commerce Serving Communities (ICSC) conference scheduled for October 25 -37, 2023, in San Diego, CA., Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c) (3), no environmental review is required.
- i. Approve the amended Resolution No. 2023- 3929, removing the purchase of a Ford F-150 pick-up truck and replacing it with a Dodge Ram 1500 pick-up truck for the Water Department and Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c) (3), no environmental review is required.

**Reso#2023-3929(1)**

- j. Approve the amended Resolution No. 2023- 3872 removing the GMC Sierra 3500 Single-cab Flatbed Pickup Truck and replacing it with a GMC Sierra 3500 Crew-cab Flatbed Pickup Truck for the Sanitation Department and Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c) (3), no environmental review is required.

**Reso#2023-3872(1)**

No Conflict of Interest on the consent calendar for any of the Council members.  
No public comments.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Council Member Medina, to approve the Consent Calendar by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	MARTINEZ, GARCIA, MEDINA, REYNA, SALDAÑA
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

**11) PUBLIC HEARINGS: None**

**12) DEFERRED BUSINESS: None**

**13) NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Adopt A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to accept the Grant Award of \$501,478.00 and Execute a Grant Agreement and any amendments thereto for The FY 2023-2024 California Department of Justice (DOJ) Tobacco Grant Program and Find the subject activity is not a project within the meaning of CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and is, therefore, not subject to review under CEQA. (Lara)

**Reso#2023-3983**

Oral presentation by Assistant City Manager Lara.  
No public comments.

**Motion** was made by Mayor Martinez, **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, to adopt a Resolution by the following roll call vote:

AYES: MARTINEZ, GARCIA, MEDINA, REYNA, SALDAÑA  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

- b. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or designee to approve a purchase order with WESCO in an amount not to exceed \$340,000.00 to purchase 45 streetlights for the Downtown Renovation Project and Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c) (3), no environmental review is required. (Villa)

**Reso#2023-3984**

Oral presentation by Public Works Director Villa.  
No public comments.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Council Member Saldaña, to adopt a Resolution by the following roll call vote:

AYES: MARTINEZ, GARCIA, MEDINA, REYNA, SALDAÑA  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

- c. Adopt a Resolution Approving a New Information Technology Manager Position and Approving the Amended Salary Schedule for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in Compliance with the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Requirement for Publicly Available Pay Schedules. (Hurlbert)

**Reso#2023-3985**

Oral presentation by City Manager Hurlbert.  
No public comments.

**Motion** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, **seconded** by Council Member Medina, to adopt a Resolution by the following roll call vote:

AYES: MARTINEZ, GARCIA, MEDINA, REYNA, SALDAÑA  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

**14) REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES:**

- a. Kern Economic Development Corporation (Garcia)  
**No reports- Next meeting January 25, 2023.**
- b. Kern Council of Government (Reyna)  
**No reports - Next meeting Thursday, October 19, 2023.**
- c. Wasco Task Force (Reyna & Medina)  
**No reports**

**15) REPORTS FROM KC FIRE AND SHERIFF:**

- a. Kern County Fire Department (Appleton)  
**Chief Appleton gave a recent fire report.**
- b. Kern County Sheriff's Department (Stout)  
**Sergeant Stout reported on recent crimes.**

**16) REPORTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:**

**City Manager Hurlbert updated the council on the following:**

- International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Conference – Overview, Brown Act Reminder, Guidelines Document.
- Asphalt Zipper had a demonstration for the city, and a video was shown to the council.
- October 28, 2023 - Bike Bakersfield is hosting September/October Monthly community rides.
- Final Stakeholder Meetings, funded by the Active Transportation Program ATP Cycle 5 grant to Kern Council of Government Kern COG @ the Wasco Public Library from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- October 21, 2023 – Community Clean-up Event at Barker Park from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Volunteers are needed.
- October 25, 2023 – SNIP event from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. across from the Courthouse on the Public Works sidewalk. There will be no SNIP event in November.
- Kern Strata Credit Union will have its ribbon-cutting event on November 30, 2023.
- Check Presentation event presented by Senator Hurtado and Assemblymember Dr. Jasmeet Bains on November 2, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the Wasco Council Chambers
- Teresa Burke Elementary School – Veteran's Day event TBD

**17) REPORTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL:**

**Mayor Pro Tem Garcia:**

- Attended the Open-Door Network domestic violence event on Wednesday, October 11, 2023.

**Council Member Reyna:**

- Attended the Teresa Burke Elementary School Mural ribbon cutting on October 6, 2023.

**Mayor Martinez:**

- Attended the Teresa Burke Elementary School Mural ribbon cutting on October 6, 2023.
- Received a letter thanking the city staff for attending the Teresa Burke Elementary School mural ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Mayor Martinez read the closed session titles.  
No public comments.

Mayor Martinez adjourned into closed session at 7:05 p.m.  
Mayor Martinez adjourned out of closed session at 7:26 p.m.

**18) CLOSED SESSION:**

- a. Approval of Closed Session Minutes for August 15, 2023.
- b. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS 54956.8**  
Real Property: APNs 030-081-01 and -02  
Agency negotiators: City Manager  
Negotiating parties: Dennis Martin  
Under negotiation: Potential Purchase

**19) CLOSED SESSION ACTION:**

**City Attorney Schroeter reported out.**

- a. Approval of Closed Session Minutes for August 15, 2023.

**Motion** was made by Mayor Martinez, **seconded** by Council Member Saldaña, to approve the closed session minutes by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	MARTINEZ, GARCIA, MEDINA, REYNA, SALDAÑA
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

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Agency negotiators: City Manager  
Negotiating parties: Dennis Martin  
Under negotiation: Potential Purchase  
**No reportable action.**

**20) ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Martinez adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm.

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*Monica Flores*

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Monica Flores, Deputy City Clerk

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*Alexandro Garcia*

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Alexandro Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem